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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I am responding to your February 9th letter which enclosed correspondence from your constituent, had written regarding Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat arrested in Budapest by the Soviet Army in 1945.

As you know, through many years and several administrations, Presidents, the Department of State, and Congress have shared a strong concern about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. We have pressed Soviet officials to be more forthcoming in providing information about Mr. Wallenberg -- particularly during those crucial years from 1945 to 1947, both in bilateral meetings and international fora, such as meetings of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC). In 1982, the U.S. Representative to the UNHRC urged the Soviet Union to make a "humanitarian gesture which would contribute to universal good-feeling, namely a renewed search and full report, which may lay questions to rest or else in the best of all possible outcomes, result in the discovery of the whereabouts of a man who stands among the heroes of our time."

We were encouraged by the recent meetings in Moscow, at Soviet invitation, that Mr. Wallenberg's sister and others working on his behalf had with Soviet representatives, including officials of the KGB. The family and friends of Mr. Wallenberg have now established a dialogue with Soviet authorities and provided some additional information which the Soviet side undertook to investigate. We were disappointed, however, that Soviet officials were unable or unwilling to provide further significant documentary evidence about Mr. Wallenberg.

It is our hope that the Soviet Government will provide a much fuller accounting of what has happened to Mr. Wallenberg.

The Honorable
Carroll Hubbard,
House of Representatives.

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and will continue to press them on this subject. We believe the Swedish Government and Mr. Wallenberg's family will also continue to press for a full accounting. We are unaware of any case in Federal Court in Washington, DC dealing with Mr. Wallenberg.

If we can be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

by
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